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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

 $\label{eq:Amendments} Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.$

. Amendments to the Drawings are not applicable.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.